

I am writing today to oppose the extreme hike in fees for CT pistol permits.

An increase of over 400% is absurd and uncalled for. It's an obvious attempt to restrict CT citizens right to carry firearms and exclude low-income families or individuals.

Budget spokesman have stated that they looked to surrounding areas to come up with this number, but truth be told this would be the highest state permit in the continental US and is far higher than our surrounding states.

In years pst CT has reviewed our permit fees and found them to already be among the highest in the nation

It's not fair to punish permit holders and use us to try and make up for a budget shortfall.

I don't see any increase in drivers licenses or other licenses.

My final thought is that a permit fee of \$300 will be challenged in court for infringing on our 2nd amendment rights.

Please strike down the permit pistol fee increase.

Thank you,

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